

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(2)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** February 18, 2015

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the City  
of Miami codesignation of NE  
3rd Street from NE 1st Avenue  
to NE 2nd Avenue as "Berlin  
Wall Way"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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2-18-15

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI  
CODESIGNATION OF NE 3RD STREET FROM NE 1ST  
AVENUE TO NE 2ND AVENUE AS "BERLIN WALL WAY"

**WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2014, the Miami City Commission adopted Resolution No. R-14-0418, which codesignated NE 3rd Street from NE 1st Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue as "Berlin Wall Way", a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berlin Wall was a barrier constructed by the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) starting on August 13, 1961 that completely cut off West Berlin from surrounding East Germany and East Berlin; and

**WHEREAS**, the wall served to prevent East Germans and citizens of other communist states within the Eastern Bloc from emigrating to West Germany during the post-World War II period; and

**WHEREAS**, before the wall was erected, 3.5 million East Germans defected from East Germany, many crossing over the border from East Berlin into West Berlin, from where they could then travel to West Germany and other Western European countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the wall came to symbolize the "Iron Curtain" that separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, a series of radical political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc associated with the liberalization of the Eastern Bloc's authoritarian systems and the erosion of political power in the pro-Soviet governments in nearby Poland and Hungary; and

**WHEREAS**, after several weeks of civil unrest, the East German government announced on November 9, 1989 that all East German citizens could visit West Germany and West Berlin; and

**WHEREAS**, crowds of East Germans, joined by West Germans on the other side, climbed onto the wall, and over the next several weeks, chipped away parts of the wall; and

**WHEREAS**, the East German military officially began demolishing the wall on June 13, 1990, and by November 1991, the wall was completely dismantled; and

**WHEREAS**, the fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which formally concluded on October 3, 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Republic of Germany kindly donated to the City of Miami a piece of the original Berlin Wall, which was erected at the Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus on November 9, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus is located at 300 NE 2nd Avenue in Downtown Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, NE 3rd Street from NE 1st Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue is a city street located in the City of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami would like the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal masts arms; and

**WHEREAS**, as a reminder of the great historical significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall, this Board would like to approve the City of Miami codesignation of NE 3rd Street from NE 1st Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue as "Berlin Wall Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 5,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board:

**Section 1.** Approves the City of Miami codesignation of NE 3rd Street from NE 1st Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue as "Berlin Wall Way".

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Miami, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works and Waste Management Department, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Miami Police Department and the City of Miami Fire-Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

MP for

Michael J. Mastrucci



# City of Miami

## Legislation

### Resolution: R-14-0418

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3500 Pan American Drive  
Miami, FL 33133  
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File Number: 14-01033

Final Action Date: 10/23/2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION DESIGNATING NORTHEAST 3 STREET FROM NORTHEAST 1 AVENUE TO NORTHEAST 2 AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS "BERLIN WALL WAY"; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICES.

WHEREAS, the Berlin Wall was a barrier constructed by the German Democratic Republic ("GDR") starting on August 13, 1961, that completely cut off West Berlin from surrounding East Germany and East Berlin; and

WHEREAS, the wall served to prevent the massive emigration and defection that marked East Germany and the communist Eastern Bloc during the post World War II period; and

WHEREAS, before the wall was erected, 3.5 million East Germans defected from the GDR, many crossing over the border from East Berlin into West Berlin, from where they could then travel to West Germany and other Western European countries; and

WHEREAS, the wall came to symbolize the "Iron Curtain" that separated Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, a series of radical political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc, associated with the liberalization of the Eastern Bloc's authoritarian systems, and the erosion of political power in the pro-Soviet governments in nearby Poland and Hungary; and

WHEREAS, during and shortly after November, 1989, euphoric crowds consisting of citizens of both East and West Berlin climbed onto the wall and began celebrating; and

WHEREAS, the government later used industrial equipment to remove most of what was left of the wall after the citizens had chipped away at it; and

WHEREAS, the fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which formally concluded on October 3, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the government of Germany has kindly donated a piece of the original wall to be placed in the City of Miami at Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as fully set forth in this section.

Section 2. Northeast 3 Street from Northeast 1 Avenue to Northeast 2 Avenue, Miami, Florida,

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is designated as "Berlin Wall Way."

Section 3. The City Manager is directed to instruct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, Solid Waste, Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management, and the United States Postal Service.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.{1}

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Footnotes:

{1} If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten (10) calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission.

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